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1. During the last few months of 1953, the lead mines at Srem, Bulgaria, were producing at the rate of two carloads of ore a day. Srem is four kilometers from Elkovo.
2. Exploitation of this mine began two years ago. The cars carrying this ore are sent through the sorting station of Dimitrovgrad (formerly Radovski).
3. At one time, there was talk of a special but unidentified mineral, which had been discovered in, or near, this lead mine. At first, some Soviet specialists were sent in to examine it. No one knows exactly what was found, but at any rate the vicinity of the mine is now a forbidden zone. Miners are under strict control. They carry special identification cards and are under control by the militia.

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